

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

October 12, 1979
11:30 A.M.

Mayor's Office
124 W. 8th Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Absent: Councilmember Cooke

Mayor McClellan opened the meeting scheduled for 11:30 A.M., stating that this was a Special Called Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of publicly announcing that it will convene in a closed or executive session authorized by Section 2, Paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated; and after such closed or executive session any final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed or executive session would be made in open session, should such action, decision or vote be necessary.

Mayor McClellan announced that the Council would go into executive session at this time to consider the items authorized in Section 2, Paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated.

OPEN SESSION
12:00 Noon

The Mayor reconvened the Council in open session, noting that Councilman Cooke was absent but was listening on the conference telephone.

She reviewed the resolution before the Council in that the Property Tax Code of the State of Texas established an appraisal district for each county; the City of Austin had chosen to be a part of the Travis County Appraisal District, to be governed by a board of five directors to be appointed by vote of the governing bodies of the taxing entities; the voting procedures being set out in the resolution; providing that each taxing unit may nominate by resolution one candidate for each position and submit to County Clerk by October 15th.

The Property Tax Code provides that three-fourths of the taxing units may change the number of members of the Board or may change the method of selecting members of the Board of Directors. Three-fourths of the taxing units have adopted resolutions purporting to increase the number from five to eight and purporting to change the method of selecting members. The City of Austin is of the opinion that the resolutions are invalid and do not effectuate the changes purported to be adopted or are valid and effective only to the extent that they increase the number from five to eight.

After a short discussion, Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council adopt a resolution nominating the following five persons for the position of Board of Directors of the Appraisal District of Travis County:

1. Les Gage
2. Gus Garcia
3. Bill Milstead
4. Ada Anderson
5. Charles Goodnight

And in the alternative, nominated the following eight persons for the position of board members of the Appraisal District of Travis County:

1. Les Gage
2. Gus Garcia
3. Bill Milstead
4. Ada Anderson
5. Charlie Goodnight
6. Bob Phinney
7. William Shropshire
8. James Koch

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Cooke

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 12:20 P.M.

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APPROVED

Cesar Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe
City Clerk